



Seattle Parks and Recreation Department

Kenneth R. Bounds, Superintendent

Project Review Committee

South Lake Union Park Development

Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2006, Meeting #5

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<u>Guests:</u>				
Lyn Tangen	Vulcan		342-2447	

Superintendent Ken Bounds, the Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Following introductions, these items were discussed:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Previous meeting minutes from February 9, were approved.

1. Update of Project/Schedule/Budget:

Council was briefed about the request for \$4.2 million for the replacement of the bulkhead. The Council asked if there were things we could take out of the scope to pay for the bulkhead that we could present to Council. Kimberly noted that basically, the current design elements are what have been sold to the donors and there is really nothing left to give up. One possible thought was to alter the pathways or eliminate the planters but the planters will be wired for electrical and will provide seating. The Council also asked about the Summer Nights Concert series. One Reel has stated that they do not want to have their concert series at SLU Park in the future.

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Another idea was to alter the height of the mounds of grass that are scheduled to be built in Phase II.

Ken thought that whatever may be eliminated, should be something they can all live without. John said that there is no extra money floating around unless the contingency can be lessened. The cost of the planters would not be enough to cover the cost of the seawall. And, the reality is that we would have to come back in 5 to 7 years to redo the seawall, not long after the completion of Phase II.

Ken reiterated that councilmembers do want to fix this but are looking to see if there is another way to get funding for it. As far as changing the size of the mounds, Ken thought that everyone would need to be in agreement.

John asked if there was a relation between the land formation area (the mounds) and pollution. There is a correlation, and it's not ideal to bring them down to a lower elevation. We definitely do not want to lower the area and dig down into the existing soil. John also asked whether bringing Council a copy of the plan with shaded areas representing what's been funded, would give them a better idea of what they need.

Ken stated that he is willing to push ahead for the bulkhead. He said that they will bring this to Council on March 24.

Ken also suggested the need for people not involved in the project to support the legislation such as; SLUFAN, and the Queen Anne Community Council.

The other legislation is for the bridge, and it is scheduled for Steinbrueck's committee in April. Aaron asked whether a change in committees can happen with this type of legislation. No one at the meeting knew the answer to that question.

Two options to get funding for the bridge were:

- 1). Bid it separately at a later date.
- 2). Bid it as an additive.

Ken also stated that the negotiations with DNR were proceeding and he hoped to have an okay to build the bridge, although the lease agreement may take longer.

Kimberly asked for a time frame when the groundbreaking will begin. The earliest date given was possibly this summer.

John noted that it would cost an estimated additional \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to build the project if it is delayed a year.

Revised budget: A request to increase the budget to \$4.2 million was presented to Council. This increase is due mostly to work on the bulkhead. More contingency was added to Phase I and a little more to Phase II. Building the bulkhead is a high enough risk level project, that Parks hired a 3rd party consultant to look at the construction drawings.

John asked if we could reduce the contingency to build the gangway bridge to CWB. Betsy asked if some design and engineering could be provided by the City. She said this would help in selling the bridge project and applying for grants.

John thought we should have the gangway bridge as a possible Phase II design option. But, another comment was that we should have all the permitting in place and then potentially add

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this project as a design change. The conclusion was that the gangway bridge should return to the Project Review Committee in 3-4 months for a decision.

2. Donor Recognition in the Park:

The group agreed that whatever donor recognition structures they choose, they should be integrated into the park design so that they don't look like an add-on.

Ken asked if they should be spread throughout the park or placed in one location, like a donor wall. Consensus was that they would like the donor recognition pieces to be small and inconspicuous. Also, there will likely be a way to highlight \$1000 donations.

The group discussed putting a donor wall connected to the pump house by the main entry.

The two types of donor recognition pieces that the group thinks would work best in this park are to have a donor wall or plaques/markers on or adjacent to elements to reference the donors.

3. Review Coordinated Plan for Street Car and Park:

Toby met with SDOT and the streetcar members four times. The designs for the park and streetcar are being integrated with each other. SDOT is pushing for the park's main driveway to be located to align with Boren Ave. which would encourage people to cross Valley St. at a street intersection. Parks does not want to block the streetcar but, visitors to the park need to be able to turn left into and out of the park. Parks staff need to push back on SDOT. In the short-term the entrance can be at the new driveway (just west of the Boren St ROW) and the exit at Terry St. In the long-term there needs to be a 2-way entrance /exit at the driveway just west of the Boren St. ROW).

4. Action Items for Next meeting:

Update on where we are. Ken stated that we should have the additional money by then and should be able to discuss the next steps.

Also, Parks is reviewing a MOHAI MOA and will begin negotiations within the next few weeks. Parks wants a long-term agreement.

5. Next Meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 3:30pm at the SLU Armory.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Meeting in April was cancelled. Next meeting will be in May.

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